

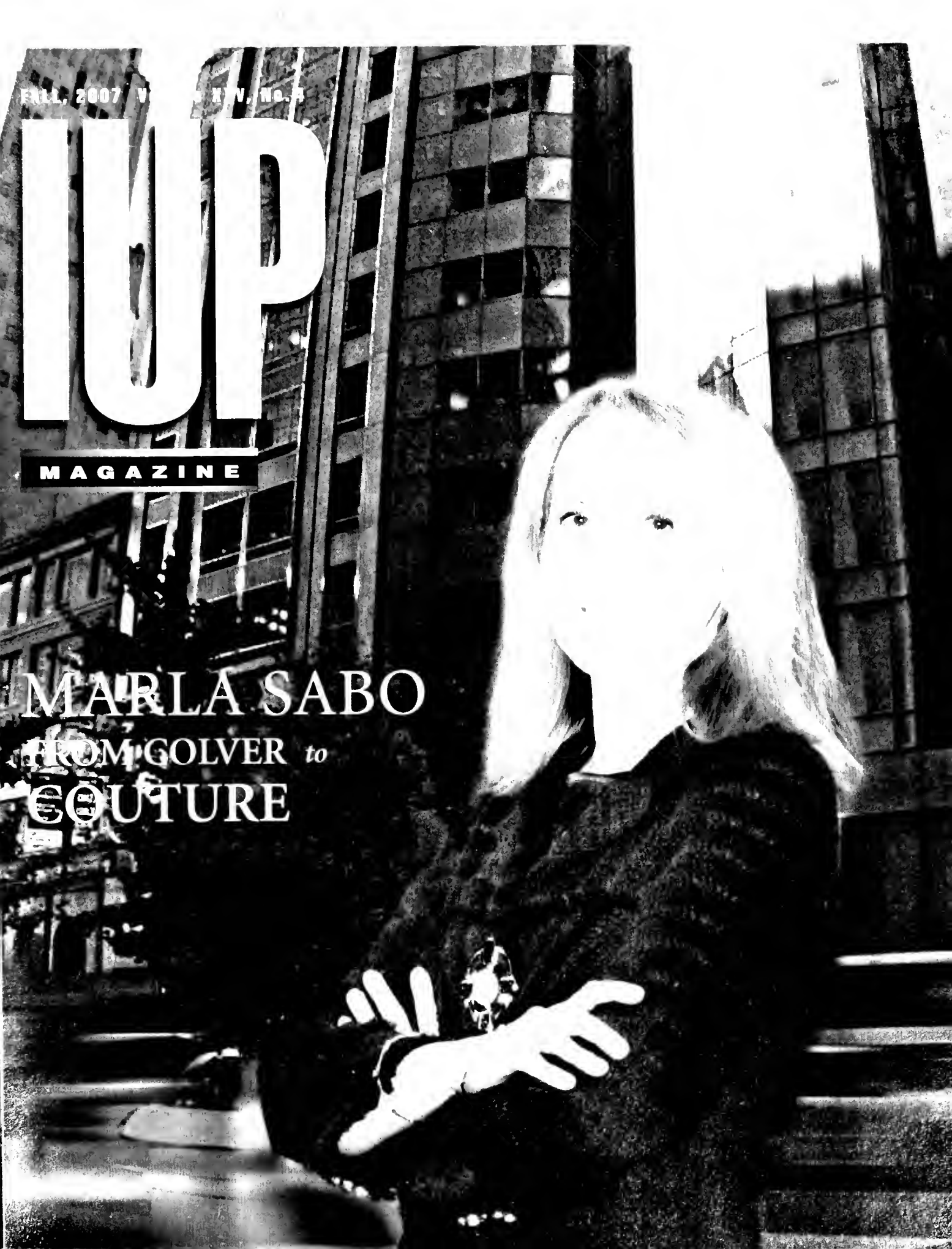
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FROM GOLVER to  
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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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## VISION AND VALUES

The start of a new academic year is a time for nurturing new expectations of growth and success. I am pleased to inform you that IUP's new academic year is off to a most promising start as the Fall 2007 semester takes flight.

Thanks to our friends at First Commonwealth, IUP will regain a valuable tool for supporting our educational mission. This corporation has made a significant financial commitment to IUP to establish the first comprehensive university endowed lecture series, to begin next fall. This program is a very important one, and it will enhance the university's intellectual environment by enriching the teaching and learning experience for students, faculty, and the Indiana community. We look forward to presenting many national and international leaders and professionals in the years to come through this new, endowed lecture series.

In my State of the University address in August, I noted that public higher education faces challenging times, as it strives to balance student access with affordability and student potential for academic success.

However, I believe that IUP will rise "above the tide" and find the courage to sustain academic excellence and to achieve institutional greatness. Our success is sustained by men and women with a passion for excellence. As alumni, you are a part of that universe of human capital that sustains the university's academic strength.

IUP's future course will also be guided in great measure by our Strategic Plan. *Advancing a Legacy of Excellence*, IUP's Strategic Plan, gives IUP a refined mission statement, a new vision statement, a set of core values, and most important, eight major strategic goals.

Our revised mission statement notes that IUP is a leading public, doctoral-research university strongly committed to undergraduate and graduate instruction, scholarship, and public service.

It also pledges that IUP will engage students as learners and leaders in an intellectually challenging, culturally enriched, and contemporarily

diverse environment. Inspired by a dedicated faculty and staff, students become productive national and world citizens who exceed expectations personally and professionally.

IUP's vision statement reflects that IUP shall be among the nation's leading universities recognized for student success and educational attainment, research, cultural enrichment, and economic development.

Our strategic plan outlines a set of core values that articulate the character of our institution. These core values include:

Access with opportunity to succeed

Engaged learning

Student-centered emphasis

Diversity

Civility

Global awareness

Accountability

Shared governance

Last, but not least, the Strategic Plan includes eight major goals. They are academic excellence, student development and success, civic engagement, marketing and promotion, enrollment management, continuous improvement to improve process outcomes, resource development, and university safety and security.

I firmly believe that our Strategic Plan will enable us to move forward to our final destination—a destination of extraordinary student success and institutional greatness. This university deserves no less.

(See the complete text of President Atwater's Fall 2007 State of the University Address at [www.iup.edu/president](http://www.iup.edu/president). Read the complete Strategic Plan, *Advancing a Legacy of Excellence*, at [www.iup.edu/strategicplan](http://www.iup.edu/strategicplan).)

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# @Matter of style

MARLA SABO grew up in a household where quality was important. “Even though we didn’t have a lot, both my parents were very interested in how they lived and dressed,” she said. “Before he married, my father had tailor-made suits with his initials embroidered inside. My parents always tried to buy good things. I think they were chic.”

In the Cambria County coal town of Colver, where the family lived, Sabo’s father was a miner, and her mother worked in the general store, selling groceries, fabric, nails, electrical supplies—almost anything.

Several times a year, the family took shopping trips to the huge Penn Traffic department store in downtown Johnstown. “My mother was very particular about how she dressed me,” Sabo said.

She herself was creative. “I used to make clothing for my dolls,” Sabo said. “I’d read whatever magazines I could get my hands on and adapt what I saw.”

Sabo came to Indiana in 1975 to study French with the goal of becoming a teacher. Two entities encountered in the ensuing years reshaped her

life: IUP’s study-abroad opportunities and Brody Brothers department store.

In her junior year, she joined the first IUP group to study at the University of Nancy in France. It was, she said, “an amazing experience.”

“For someone coming from a small town, having the opportunity to travel outside the country, to experience another culture, and to get to know students from all over the world was life changing,” she said. “Because of Nancy’s location, we could travel easily everywhere in Europe. Three of us did that, all staying in the same room.”

Sabo was supposed to study in France only one semester; instead, she stayed an entire academic year, returning home only at Christmas. She learned self-reliance, and, although she knew her



parents "were extremely worried," they were also supportive.

Sabo said French faculty member Victor Drescher, who had developed the Nancy program, "was our parent for a year." Last spring, when Sabo was scheduled to receive an IUP Distinguished Alumni Award, she hoped Drescher would be her guest at the awards gala. "I would have liked to have been able to pay him back," she said, but he was in Costa Rica at the time.

Sabo also remembers fondly IUP French faculty members Ludo op de Beeck, the late Renee Liscinsky, the late Frank Landis, and June Phillips, who was the sponsor for Sabo's student teaching assignment in the Upper St. Clair School District. By the time she was a senior, Sabo's younger brother, Gary, had followed her to IUP. He graduated in 1982.

During college, Sabo started working part time at Brody's, located until the late eighties at the corner of Seventh and Philadelphia streets. "It was my first serious job," she said. She went immediately to the third floor ladies' apparel section and stayed there—longer than she expected.

Sabo was within weeks of her 1979 graduation when she was astonished to be offered a full-time position as a buyer and department manager. She was to replace the very experienced and highly respected Charlotte Watkins, who was retiring.

"Donald Brody basically trained me," Sabo said. "He had an amazing taste level. He took me on buying trips, about one week out of every month, and I learned to buy women's apparel. For four years, I was responsible for a lot of buying."

Eventually, she yearned to return to Europe. In 1983, Sabo was accepted at the Sorbonne in Paris, where she studied art history of the twentieth century. At the conclusion of the year it took to earn a

master's degree, she looked for a job on the Continent. A part-time position in a Paris buying office was as close as she could get. She decided to move to New York.

Sabo found she had assets that were highly marketable: an international education and experience as a buyer. She became a buyer for Bergdorf Goodman, visiting Seventh Avenue every week in pursuit of coats and suits.

In the mid-eighties, Sabo recalled, members of the Goodman family still maintained a penthouse residence on Bergdorf's ninth floor: "You'd see them walking through the store on the way to their apartment," she said.

She stayed at Bergdorf's four years, eventually also buying children's clothes and traveling frequently to Italy (Milan) and Brazil (São Paulo). "My mother is Italian," she said, "so I could get around in Italy."

Always, she was in the market, discovering sources, building relationships with them, and pursuing tenaciously a commitment to having things first. "In retail, you are on the ground and on call twenty-four/seven," she said. "You work constantly."

In 1988, Sabo was recruited by Saks Fifth Avenue. There, her job of buying European and American Collection coats gave her experience in a multi-store environment with fifty-two points of distribution. For the next four years, she was still on Seventh Avenue a lot, but she also traveled at least four times a year to Europe. By the end of 1991, she had started buying couture for Saks, working with such European houses as Chanel and Yves St. Laurent.

In 1994, still at Saks, her career took a new turn—one that offered solid financial experience. In the year in which her title was director of Financial and Strategic Planning, she oversaw the development and execution of financial plans for 25

percent of the total company; developed a ten-year plan for creating Off Fifth, the company's outlet business; and was part of a management task force that acquired the J. Magnin stores.

The capstone of her ten-year sojourn at Saks came in the spring of 1995, when Sabo was named vice president and divisional merchandise manager for European and American Designer Collections. As the chief merchant responsible for all aspects of the company's \$250-million designer ready-to-



## IN RETAIL, YOU ARE ON THE GROUND AND ON CALL 24/7. YOU WORK CONSTANTLY.

wear business, she was still in Europe four times a year—but now, she stayed for a month at a time.

In Germany, for example, she sought out designer Jil Sander. Saks, she said, "competed heavily with Neiman Marcus" as the nation's top purveyor of designer ready-to-wear. She supervised a team of thirty-five.

In the spring of 1998, Sabo became senior vice president of Hermès North America, filling a position newly created for sales and merchandising in the North American network of stores. Founded in

France in the early nineteenth century, Hermès is truly international; much of its growth in recent years has been in Asia. The firm is particularly known for its silks and textiles and for its handbags, including one made famous by actress Grace Kelly in the fifties.

In a post that reported directly to the president of a company that, she said, had been "happy with a little bit of growth," Sabo consistently achieved increases of more than 10 percent in the network she oversaw from New York. She also conceptualized, built, and opened the company's Madison Avenue flagship store, where her office was located.

Sabo had been at Hermès three years when a "call from Dior came out of the blue." Head designer John Galliano, she said, "had been hired in 1997, and now there was a renewed effort to rebuild the house."

For five years, beginning in early 2001, Sabo presided over the "expansion and revitalization" of Christian Dior Couture Americas. As president and chief operating officer, she reported, as she put it, "to Paris." She quintupled her unit's business, taking the number of stores from nineteen to fifty-six. Not only was ready-to-wear apparel essential to the brand image she developed, but handbags and shoes also became increasingly important.

She said she "traveled extensively—all over the U.S." For Dior and for the other companies with which she worked, she flew business class—no private jets, no trips to Paris aboard the Concorde. "I was very cost conscious," she said. "I had to manage the financials. This is serious work."

"Years ago," she said, "the pace was slower, and the buyers seemed to have more luxuries." Sitting in the front row at designer shows was something she did as a buyer at Saks. By the time she reached Dior, she had a different role: "As the house man-

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## IUP's Latest Goldwater Winner

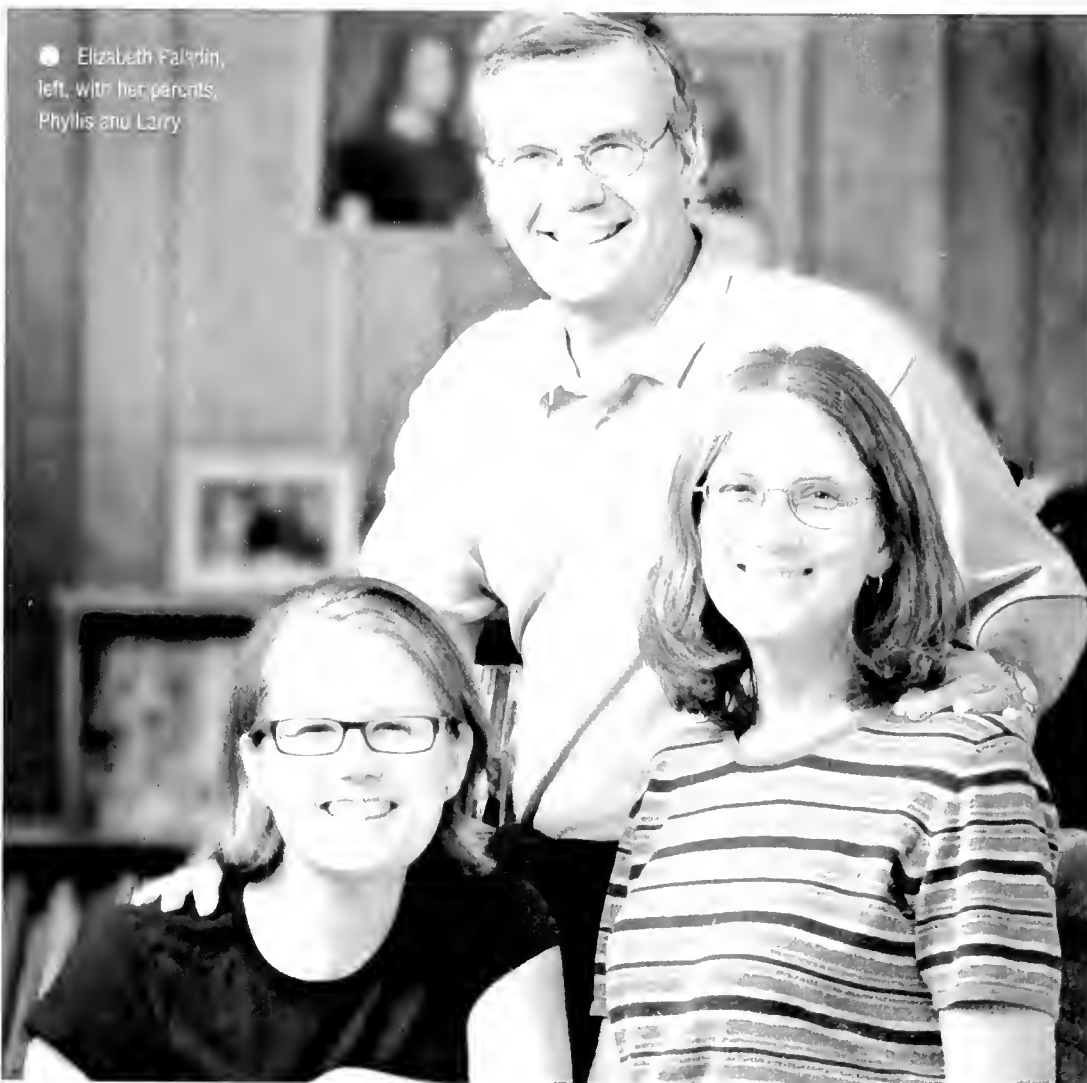
Winning a national award would be a humbling experience for anybody. That was certainly the case for Elizabeth Paladin when she was selected as the fourth IUP recipient of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship in the past five years.

"My initial reaction was one of excitement and some surprise," Paladin said. "Of course, I was not counting on winning the scholarship, and I was greatly honored." Across the nation, 317 Goldwater scholarships were awarded to sophomores and juniors for the 2007-2008 year.

Paladin, now a junior chemistry major and member of the Robert E. Cook Honors College, first heard about the scholarship when she was a prospective student. A chemistry major had previously won the Goldwater, and the fact caught Paladin's attention, "because it is an extremely well-respected national scholarship. I was very impressed."

Honors College administrators and professors—especially Mary Lou Zanich—played a large role in Paladin's initial decision to apply for the scholarship. Zanich, Psychology Department chairperson and IUP's Goldwater faculty advisor, provided practical, step-by-step guidance in the application process. "The faculty members convinced me I was capable of competing for this national scholarship and offered encouragement," Paladin said. "Dr. Zanich gave me invaluable advice."

And it paid off in the end, with Paladin's receiving \$7,500 each year to cover school-related expenses. "The greatest benefit in my mind, however, is that this award will equip me to be more competitive



Elizabeth Paladin, left, with her parents, Phyllis and Larry

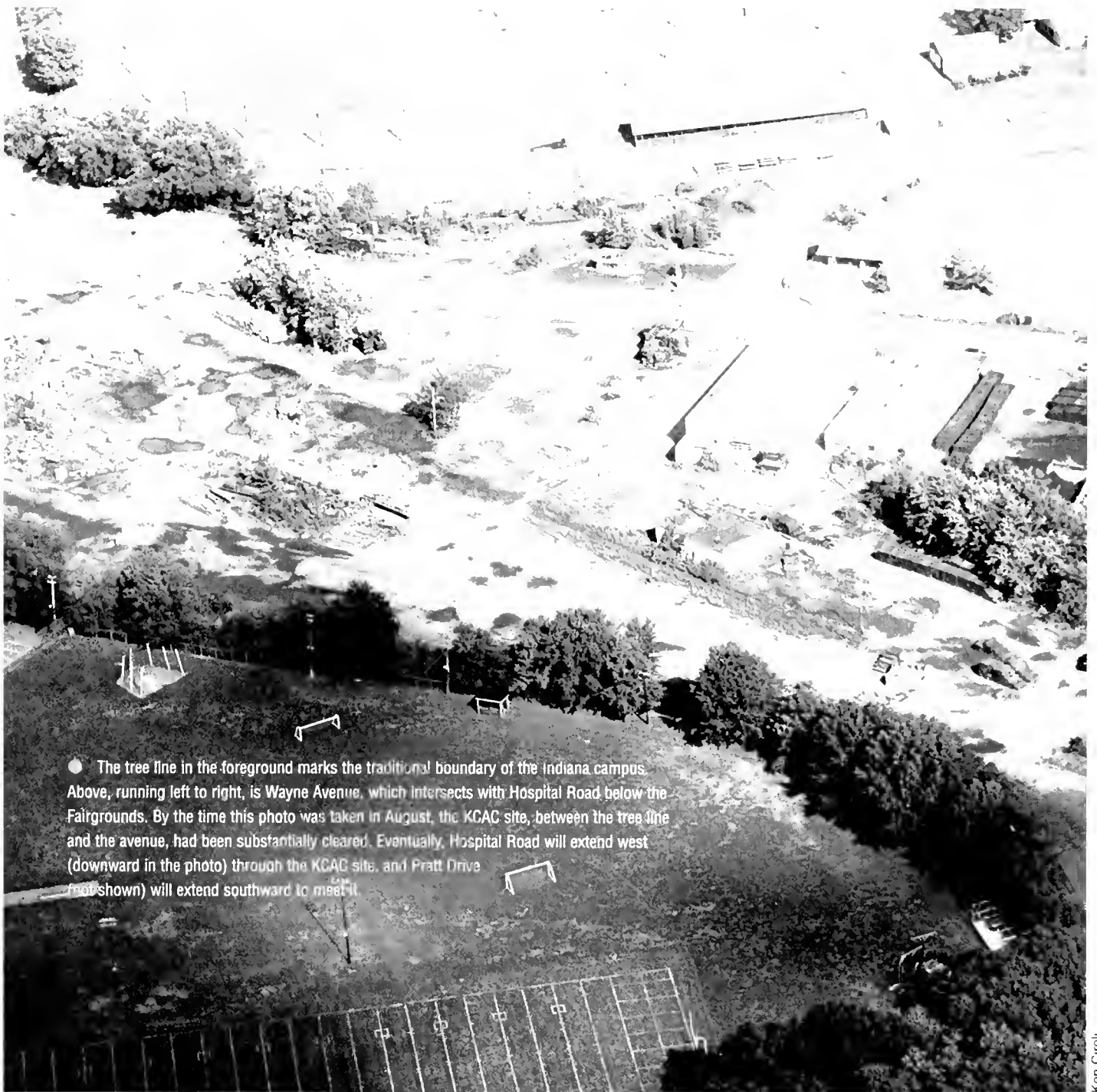
Keith Boyer

when I apply to graduate schools," she said.

Paladin has been working since the spring semester with the Chemistry Department's Heba Abourahma, researching a way to modify the physical properties of a compound through co-crystallization. Her work has allowed her to understand that "science often does not proceed as quickly as I would like it to, and we shouldn't become discouraged when the progress is painstakingly slow."

Working with Abourahma as an undergraduate, Paladin has had

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Ken Croft

● The tree line in the foreground marks the traditional boundary of the Indiana campus. Above, running left to right, is Wayne Avenue, which intersects with Hospital Road below the Fairgrounds. By the time this photo was taken in August, the KCAC site, between the tree line and the avenue, had been substantially cleared. Eventually, Hospital Road will extend west (downward in the photo) through the KCAC site, and Pratt Drive (not shown) will extend southward to meet it.

# KCAC Plans Include Hotel

While the site is being cleared in anticipation of groundbreaking next spring for the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, IUP is exploring options for constructing a hotel at the Wayne Avenue location.



**T**he full-service lodging facility would connect to the complex, which will include an arena, auditorium, state-of-the-art conference and convention space, and offices for athletics and the John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security.

According to President Tony Atwater, "There are several possible options on how best to proceed with this project in terms of building ownership." He said he has directed Robert Davies, vice president of University Relations and executive director of the Foundation for IUP, to form a committee to recommend the best course of action.

A marketing feasibility study indicated the Kovalchick complex will draw sports fans, entertainment enthusiasts, and conference attendees in numbers far beyond what the Indiana area's current inventory of 440 hotel rooms can accommodate. (Construction of a Hampton Inn facility, which will add more rooms, along Indian Springs Road was announced after the study was completed.)

"The development of a first-class hotel is critical and could be a major catalyst to spur our community's future development," State Senator Don White said. "A new hotel would be just the latest success story of the cooperative community efforts that resulted in the acquisition and development of the property for the KCAC."

The purchase of land for the complex—the final design of which is due in December—was a joint venture that included Indiana Borough, White Township, Indiana County Development Corporation, and Indiana County Board of Commissioners. The groups matched a \$5-million commitment from the state for the \$10-million land purchase. The land is now owned by the state; IUP will own and manage the facility, expected to be a resource for the entire region.

Through the Indiana Initiative, the university is raising \$20 million—matching a \$20-million 2003 commitment made by the state—in order to build the \$41-million facility. In addition to a minimum of \$2 million pledged by the Kovalchick family and other gifts, federal funds have been received through the leadership of U.S. Congressman John Murtha.

Huge as it is, the Indiana Initiative is itself part of an even larger partnership that involves the Borough of Indiana, Downtown Indiana, Inc., Indiana County, and IUP. Called "Renaissance Indiana," that partnership includes not only the KCAC and IUP's Residential Revival but a host of community improvements. (Among the first to be undertaken will be construction of a new retaining wall along Water Street in the heart of Indiana and reconstruction of the Vinegar Hill steps.)

"As we move closer to groundbreaking for the KCAC in spring 2008," President Atwater said, "the momentum and excitement for the project continue to build. The idea of a hotel connected to the facility only enhances our plans."

A map showing the proposed site of the hotel, along with floor plans of the complex and additional KCAC information, is at [www.iup.edu/kcac](http://www.iup.edu/kcac). 🐾

## Significant Gifts Support KCAC and Other Initiatives

- A gift of \$20,000 was received from Elizabeth and Todd Wallwork, Evansville, Ind., for the Elinor Gordon Blair Scholarship.
- William Culp '57, Indiana, Pa., a retired faculty member in IUP's Counseling Department, established the Dr. William H. Culp Library Collection for Transpersonal Psychology with a commitment of \$25,000.
- The late Waleska Williard Bruce '30, a Punxsutawney native who lived in Pittsburgh, made a gift of \$25,000 to name an office area on the first floor of the Fairman Centre in Punxsutawney in honor of her sister and brother. The office area will be named "The Hannah Caroline Williard, R.N., and Clark Williard, Jr., Office."
- Daniel Griffith '70, M'72 and his wife, Diane, Parker, Tex., established the Daniel and Diane Griffith Geography and Mathematics Scholarship with a commitment of \$50,400. This scholarship will be awarded to an eligible student with a dual Geography and Math major or major/minor combination. Griffith is a recipient of the IUP Distinguished Alumni Award and of an honorary doctoral degree from IUP.
- The women's basketball team office to be located in the Athletic Administration Suite in the KCAC has been named the "Terry, Donna, and Sean Griffith Women's Basketball Office" in recognition of a generous gift from Terry Griffith '74, director, Student Co-op Store, and Donna McCrea Griffith '74, M'77, assistant dean for Administration, School of Graduate Studies and Research.
- The men's basketball team office to be located in the Athletic Administration Suite in the KCAC has been named the "Stephen J. Glass '39 and Catherine R. Lentz Glass '42 Men's Basketball Office" in recognition of the generous gift of the couple, who live in Laguna Hills, Calif.
- Friends, family, and colleagues of Gary Bird, a retired music faculty member at IUP, have made financial commitments in honor of his distinguished career to name the "Gary Bird Studio for Tuba and Euphonium" within Cogswell Hall and the Department of Music.
- First Commonwealth Bank, Indiana, Pa., has made a generous commitment to endow and support a Lecture Series to be called "The First Commonwealth Bank Endowed Lecture Series."
- The Grable Foundation made a gift of \$5,000 to add to a previous gift from the Dominion Foundation to assist with the 2007 SHARE (Summer Honors Arts Residence Experience) program.
- Bill Shane, Indiana, Pa., made a gift of \$10,000 in support of the KCAC.



# FOR LOVE

David Reddecliff '82 is president of the IUP Alumni Association Board of Directors. "Along with wonderful lifelong friends and great memories," he said, "IUP provided me with a first-class academic foundation for my career in government and politics. To give back a little of my time and talents to an institution that gave me so much is certainly a distinct honor and privilege." Reddecliff is chief of staff in the office of the Pennsylvania House Republican Whip.



Each year, scores of alumni and friends of the university serve in volunteer leadership capacities as members of the IUP Council of Trustees, the Foundation for IUP Board of Directors, and the IUP Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Although oversight of the State System of Higher Education is vested in the Board of Governors, each of Pennsylvania's fourteen state-owned universities has its own Council of Trustees. The university trustees are responsible for financial oversight and for insuring compliance of university policies with state law. Appointments of council members are made by the governor and confirmed by the Senate.

The Foundation for IUP is the nonprofit charitable vehicle through which charitable dollars raised by volunteers and staff members are passed to the university to improve the educational and leadership environment. Board members are chosen for their professional expertise and support of the university.

Members of the IUP Alumni Association Board of Directors are nominated by an association Nominating Committee and voted on by members of the association. Selection of the nominees is based on demonstrated service and commitment to IUP as alumni and on participation in association activities.

Chris Holuta '89 is president of the Foundation for IUP Board of Directors. "IUP provided me with so many opportunities when I was a student," he said, "and I feel it is my obligation to give back. I contribute, financially and with my time, to the Foundation for IUP, because I deeply believe that the difference between a good state university and an exceptional one is solely based on the university's ability to generate private support. The Foundation makes that private support possible, which in turn benefits the current students of IUP." Holuta is vice president of Reschini Insurance Agency in Indiana.

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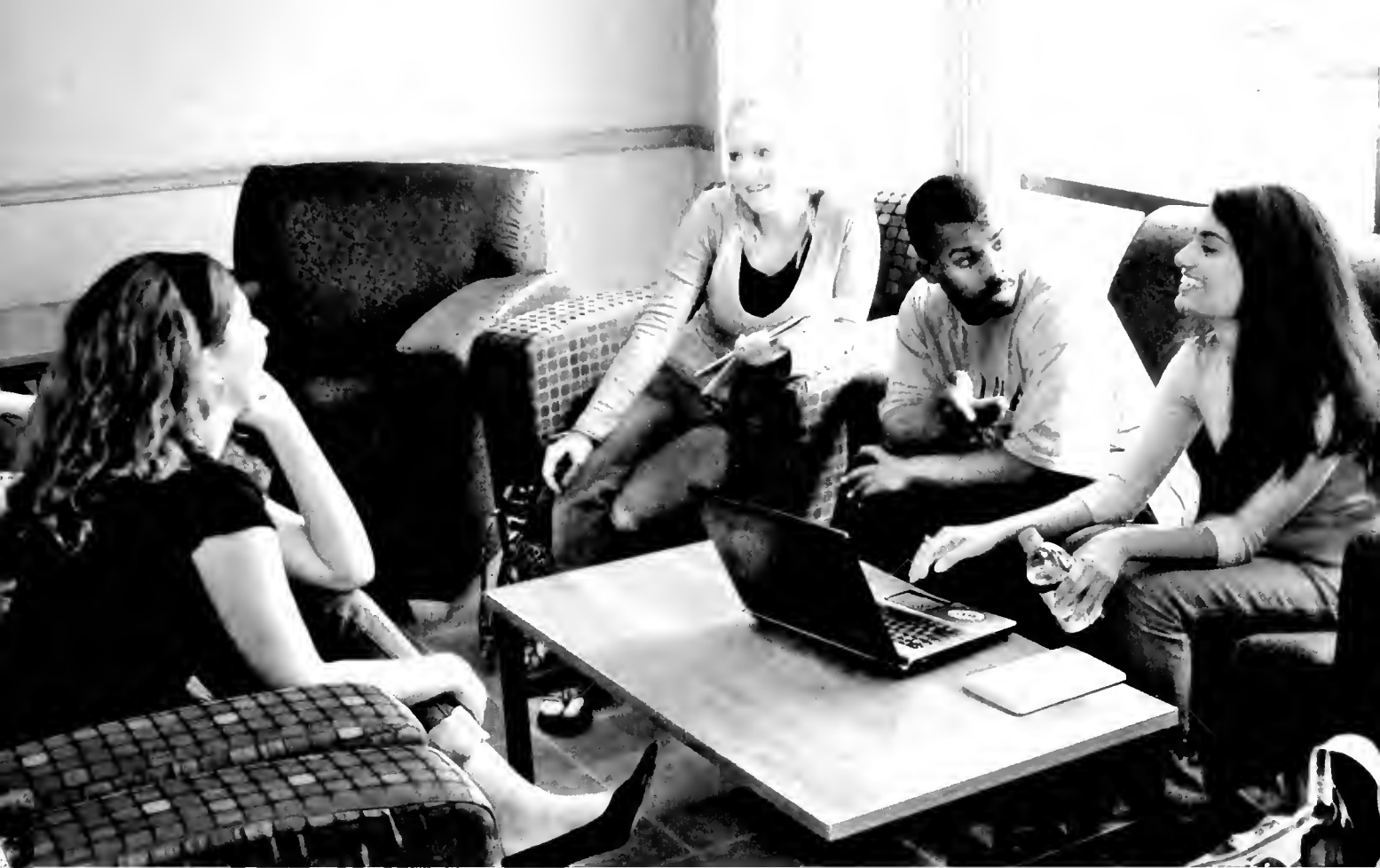
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☉ David Osikowicz chairs the IUP Council of Trustees. The university as a whole is such a tremendous organization and has such an impact on our region," he said. "My original impetus was to become involved because of Punxsutawney—with the IUP campus and the Culinary Academy. As that involvement expanded, I realized how great the university truly is. If I can lend a little help to further that greatness, I'm happy to do so." Osikowicz is owner of Valier Coal Yard near Punxsutawney.







● Student meet in a lounge in the lower building of IU. Suite 100 Grant Ackerman Hall can be seen through the window.

# Preserve the Old; Welcome the New

**A**s IUP's Indiana campus undergoes revitalization, with upgrades to several major buildings and the drama of the Residential Revival, steps are also being taken to preserve the university's historic buildings and landscapes. IUP is one of four regional universities to be included in the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation's second Western Pennsylvania Campus Heritage Study, funded by a \$200,000 Getty Foundation grant.

The outcome of the heritage study will be a preservation plan for the campus, with recommendations for maintenance, restoration, disability access, and improvements. Those involved in the planning will include faculty and staff members, administrators, students, and Indiana residents. Education and training are important components of the process, which was due to commence this fall and continue through next year, with final

presentations scheduled for early 2009.

At IUP, the study's focus is on Breezedale Alumni Center, built in 1868; Sutton Hall, built in 1875; Wilson Hall, built in 1903; Clark Hall, built in 1906 after an earlier structure was destroyed by fire; Waller Hall, built in 1928; McElhaney Hall, built in 1931; Fisher Auditorium, built in 1938; Whitmyre Hall, built in 1950; and Leonard Hall, built in 1954 after an earlier structure was destroyed by fire.

Other campuses included in

the cooperative heritage study include California University of Pennsylvania, founded in 1852; Seton Hill University, founded in 1870; and Washington & Jefferson College, founded in 1781.

According to the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation grants proposal, "This collection of four colleges, which includes two private colleges and two members of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, is a significant cross section of the cultural and architectural history of Western Pennsylvania's academic heritage."

More information about the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation and the Getty Foundation grant is available at [www.phlf.org](http://www.phlf.org).

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# HONORS COLLEGE

By Stephanie Mlot

## CHRONICLES

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the hands-on experience of which most other students her age could only dream. This opportunity is helping her work toward her goal of being involved in pharmaceutical research. "I hope to use the knowledge I am gaining in this research project to fuel my career decisions in the future." A main criterion for the award is the student's interest in empirical research within a field of hard science. "I hope that this project continues to guide my decisions."

The Pittsburgh native was primarily attracted to IUP because of the Honors College program. "I was impressed by the genuine concern for students that was expressed by the administrators and professors I encountered on my prospective visit. I recognized that this would be a place for me to thrive, not only academically, but personally, as well." The Honors College seemed like a place Paladin could see herself attaining her goals. "I have not regretted my decision," she said.

With an already full plate, Paladin finds time to serve as treasurer of the IUP Student Affiliate of the American Chemical Society, to tutor freshman chemistry students, and to participate in activities that build the science education community in Indiana. In her spare time, she plays in the IUP Cello Choir and serves on the Whitmyre Residence Hall Council. 🐼

### THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY

BY KAREN GETSIT

**B**arry M. Goldwater Scholarship winner Elizabeth Paladin is, as the accompanying story notes, the fourth IUP student to receive the prestigious honor in the last five years. Paladin's educational background, though, is different from the others.

When she came from the Pittsburgh suburb of Penn Hills to the Robert E. Cook Honors College more than two years ago, Paladin

didn't come from a conventional high school. She was, instead, a product of what might informally be called the School of Phyllis and Larry: Her entire K-12 education had been accomplished at home.

Phyllis and Larry Paladin, Elizabeth's parents, homeschooled both their daughters for all of their K-12 years and both their sons for most of their elementary and secondary careers. (Their older son, Lawrence Paladin III, went on to enroll at IUP in 1996 as a member of the Robert E. Cook Honors College's inaugural class. A classmate, Emily Duncan, later became his wife.)

In the late sixties, Phyllis Huber—her name then—and Larry Paladin met in Latin class at Trafford High School, not far from Pittsburgh. Phyllis was a year ahead of Larry, but even after she'd graduated and gone on to a major in Education of Exceptional Persons at IUP, she was Larry's senior high prom date.

Larry, too, enrolled at IUP, where he majored in English and graduated with high honors in 1976—a year after Phyllis. In 1985, he received a law degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Phyllis taught Special Education for a few years before she and Larry started having children—four within ten years. The first two—boys—went to a Christian school for a time, but eventually all four were learning at home.

"We homeschooled for several reasons," Larry said. "Teaching faith and morals was at the top of the list."

Phyllis said her background as a teacher, particularly a teacher accustomed to creating individualized curricula, meant she could respond precisely to her children's "needs, their learning styles. I was able to find the best way for each of our children to learn. Homeschooling also provided flexibility for them to pursue special interests."

Elizabeth, for example, was a musician who also loved science. Daniel loved to act in plays and did so in high school on a professional basis.

Phyllis said, "All four children have talents, skills, and abilities. When Beth was very young, we recognized that she loved learning. She excelled in certain academic areas."

By eighth grade, Elizabeth had completed algebra. She began playing the cello in fourth grade in the Penn Hills School District and later played in the middle school and high school orchestras. In her junior year, she auditioned for the Edgewood Symphony Orchestra, with which she performed two years.

Although Phyllis planned the children's lessons, she and Larry were not their only teachers. The Paladins were part of an active homeschool co-op group, through which they bartered skills and orchestrated group activities. "The calculus teacher lived just up the street," Phyllis said.

Larry is principal of a four-attorney general practice law firm in Penn Hills; his office is within walking distance of home. He was, he said, "able to be involved at different points during the children's schooling."

His English classes and those in constitutional law, U.S. government, and politics were often shared with other students in the homeschool co-op group. There were also Advanced Placement courses, which the Paladins made available "when we knew they would benefit others," Larry said. "Thirteen was the most students I had," he said, "but Phyllis had sixteen in a biology class that met in our home."

The Paladins found a wide range of resources—from traditional to faith based. "The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh system was a huge resource," Phyllis said. "We also relied heavily on the Carnegie Science Center."

"There are many, many homeschool groups in the eastern Pittsburgh suburbs, with easily two hundred homeschoolers," she said.

"Many meet around similar professions of faith."

This spirit of cooperation is exemplified in a league of homeschool volleyball teams across the commonwealth. "Beth played volleyball from the ninth grade on," Phyllis said. "It helped her develop relationships, as well as skills. She also played soccer when she was younger in a Penn Hills recreational league."

Although, Larry noted, "some school districts are not so accommodating," the Paladin children were welcomed in the Penn Hills School District's extracurricular activities.

The Paladins limited each child to one sport at a time, and sports became a natural extension of academic pursuits. Phyllis's professional experience with teaching children of varied skill sets within the same classroom helped her plan lessons for four children of different ages. "They could all be studying similar themes, but at different levels," she said.

Far from enduring a claustrophobic existence, the Paladin siblings, Phyllis said, "frequently learned in settings outside the home." In an article in *PA Homeschoolers* newsletter, she described how she, daughters Abigail and Elizabeth (then only nine), and a homeschool friend earned Presidential Fitness Endurance Walking awards. To meet requirements, each had to walk a minimum of 125 miles—in increments of no more than two-and-a-half hours a day.

"We saw some breathtaking beauty as we walked along routes and trails in our own neighborhood and in area state parks," Phyllis wrote. "I'll never forget coming upon three deer feeding early one morning as we arrived to walk in Penn Hills Park. We all have the satisfaction of knowing that we set out to accomplish a challenging task, and we did it."

A flexible schedule meant visits to the Pittsburgh Zoo on weekdays and family vacations after Labor Day. Elizabeth's stints with the phage hunter program (in which students help to identify viruses that infect bacteria) at the University of Pittsburgh could occur on a schedule difficult for a conventional high school student.

The Paladins' school year ran from July 1 to June 30, but the summer schedule was lighter. Phyllis carefully documented instructional hours in order to meet state requirements.

Today, no longer a homeschool teacher, Phyllis serves as a homeschool evaluator and a consultant for special-needs families. She also helps members of her extended family, works part time in Larry's law office, and spends as much time as possible with the couple's grandchildren, who were expected by October to total eight.

Homeschool graduates are no rarity in the Robert E. Cook Honors College: Elizabeth said several of her classmates are in that category. She believes, she said, that "homeschooling helps students excel in critical thinking, in writing, and in working in groups with other students."

Elizabeth spent last summer in a research internship at Pittsburgh's Hillman Cancer Center. Research may well be her career choice, but one wonders, far down the road, when she has established her career and family, will she homeschool her children?

"It's definitely something I want to keep open as an option," she said. ☺

# Hercules Commander

By Bruce Dries



**R**etirement means different things to different people. For John Boris, recently retired Coast Guard pilot and current flight instructor, it means continuing to do the things he loves but for a different branch of the service.

After graduating from IUP in 1984 with a degree in Criminology, Boris joined the Baltimore Police Department. A helicopter ride with a former Vietnam War pilot infected him with the flying bug: Boris began looking for a job that would let him fly. "I saw what the Coast Guard had to offer, such as counter-drug operations in the Caribbean, and knew that's where I wanted to go," he said. "It was interesting and exciting. If I could fly and still use my law enforcement background, that would be the best of both worlds."

After attending Officer Candidate School and receiving his commission in 1987, Boris was assigned to Coast Guard Group Charleston in South Carolina, where he was officer in charge of the Law Enforcement Detachment. After a few years spent successfully harassing Caribbean drug runners, he received his Naval Aviator designation in 1991. For the next four years, he was commander of a C-130H Hercules aircraft, based in Elizabeth City, N.C.

In 1995, Boris was promoted to Instructor Pilot and transferred to Kodiak, Alaska, where he continued flying, instructing, and participating in search and rescue operations. His leadership and flying skills led to reassignment in Elizabeth City and appointment as head of the standardization team overseeing all Coast Guard C-130H training. In 2003, he assumed executive officer duties at the C-130J Aircraft Project Office and took charge of initial operational implementation of the Coast Guard's premier long-range surveillance aircraft.

When Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005, Boris's unit responded while the storm was still making landfall. "We were one of the first C-130s in the area. We had to skirt around the hurricane before finding a place to land," he said. "That whole place was under water, just devastated. It was an incredible sight. We ended up having to stay the night with some of the refugees."

His unit hauled more than a third of everything the Coast Guard brought into the affected areas. "We're pretty proud of our accomplishments," Boris said. He received the Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, and two awards of the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.

Now "retired" and living in Cabot, Ark., with his wife, Julia, and their three sons, Boris continues to train C-130 pilots from different branches of the service at the Little Rock Air Force Base. Although he had offers to fly from several airlines, "Sometimes you have to pass the torch, and let the next guy take what you learned," said Boris. "I'm proud that I was able to set and meet my goals and was able to remain flying."

More about John Boris and the C-130, along with photos, is available in Lifestyles Web Exclusives at [www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag](http://www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag).

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BOOKENDS  
AND MORE

Randall Silvis M'76 has collected a Drue Heinz Literature Prize, two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, a Fulbright Senior Scholar Award, five fellowships from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts for fiction, playwriting, and screenwriting, and an IUP Distinguished Alumni Award. His latest book, the launch title for what the publisher calls "a new line of fabulist and new wave fabulist fiction from Omnidawn Books," is *In A Town Called Mundomuerto*. This is Silvis's ninth book of fiction, and it chronicles jealousy and superstition among inhabitants of a small Central American fishing village who are visited by a mysterious stranger who might—or might not—be a dolphin-man.

Two novels by W. Ivan Wright '80 are being published this year. *Black People: For Entertainment Purposes Only* appeared in the spring, while *Indentured Scholars: The Inner City Scandal* was due for release in October. According to Wright's publisher, Able Journey Press, "Ivan's books deal dramatically and humorously with the many threads of the African American experience."

Douglas Dunbar '82 is the lead singer of Grayscale, billed by its label, Alamo-Sunset Records, as an "alternative rock entity." Also known as an "alterna-pop band," Dunbar and fellow musician William Weaver released their first album, *That Flawless Flashing Day*, in May and soon followed with a remixed and remastered album, *Grayscale*, that had previ-

ously been self-produced. A publicist for Alamo-Sunset Records said Grayscale is being played in rotation on several Internet indie radio outlets and won Artist of the Month recognition last November on iChannel.

A unique regimental history by Dennis Brandt M'73 focuses on the soldiers who fought in the Civil War. *From Home Guards to Heroes: The 87th Pennsylvania and Its Civil War Community* was published last winter by University of Missouri Press. According to a release from the publisher, "The 87th drew its men from the Scotch-Irish and German populations of York and Adams counties in south-central Pennsylvania—a region with closer ties to Baltimore than to Philadelphia—where some citizens shared

Marylanders' southern views on race while others aided the Underground Railroad." Brandt is an independent researcher who lives in Red Lion, Pa.

Registered Dietitian April Meredick Rudat '00 has produced what she describes as "a practical, fun, and research-based guide to breastfeeding and parenting multiples" in *Oh Yes You Can Breastfeed Twins!* Based in part on her own experience, the book gives what she feels is badly needed information "especially since Pennsylvania breastfeeding rates are low." This fall, Rudat is teaching a master's-level course, Maternal and Child Nutrition, at Marywood University in Scranton. Information about her book is available at [www.ohyesyoucanbreastfeedtwins.com](http://www.ohyesyoucanbreastfeedtwins.com).

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ager," she said, "I usually had to give my seat away."

Sabo lives in the heart of Manhattan, within walking distance of many of the stores and showrooms that have formed the backdrop of her career. She has a house on Long Island in East Hampton. She was once married briefly. She has no pets. "A pet wouldn't make it at my house," she said with a laugh.

When someone is as busy as Sabo, "you have to be wired all the time," she said. "I'm very organized

as a person—I've had to be. And, I'm always planning ahead."

After she left Dior in mid-2006, Sabo considered opportunities in private-equity advising. She also thought an ideal job might be cultivating donors in the nonprofit sector. But, in July, 2007, Sabo joined Fragments, Inc., a SoHo-based fashion and fine jewelry firm, as president and chief executive officer.

Once a retailer, always a retailer. 🐾



## HAPPY NEW YEAR... IN ROME

A new academic year always seems to set the college community apart from the rest of the world. We spend the last week of August each year as if it were New Year's Eve. And why not? After all, a new year really is about to begin for us students, faculty, and administrators.

So during that time of year, we cast off the detritus of the old year and make resolutions about how we will improve ourselves over the upcoming academic year. It matters little that some of our best intentions come to naught by the first weeks of September. It just goes to show that for the IUP family (and for people at colleges across the U.S.), 27 August 2007 is like 1 January 2008 for everyone else.

This state of affairs became even clearer for me as I realized that my new year 2007-2008 would mean leaving behind the knolls and dales of Indiana for the hills and vales of Rome, Italy. As the winner of the Rome Prize in Modern Italian Studies, I am spending the academic year living and researching at the American Academy in Rome. Dedicated to the advancement and enrichment of American culture and scholarship, the Academy sponsors research and artistic activity in Rome for approximately thirty fellows in the Arts and Humanities.

I had always dreamed of spending a year at the Academy, perched on the Janiculum hill above the Vatican City, along the eastern side of the historic center of Rome. To be chosen as a post-doctoral fellow at the Academy

means having the opportunity to do research in Rome. And, what a dream! I am living for a year among a community of artists, landscape artists, visual filmmakers, musicians, architects, poets, literary scholars, Medievalists, Renaissance scholars, archaeologists, and Classicists. We are all meant to bring something to the Academy, and I bring my own expertise in modern Italian history. My project is to research a book project on Luigi Federzoni, a cultural and political figure whose career spanned the first fifty years of the twentieth century, when Italy went from a constitutional monarchy to a fascist state to a republic.

As my "old" year came to a close, I found myself trying to imagine what I would need over the next year in Rome. The AAR had given us a list of things most Americans cannot live without, but I was still left puzzling over which books I would need and which I had to leave behind. Fortunately, Scott Moore, my colleague in the History Department who does lots of research travel, showed me how to scan books and documents. I was able to bring a digitized copy of my books and thus bring a library with me on my computer's hard

drive. And so, I spent the end of the year scanning documents and books I would need to consult and saving them to my computer.

As "New Year's Eve" approached, I was still working on sorting out my visa with the Italian Consulate General in New York, preparing for my departure, and trying to put my mind in the proper frame. Despite the fact that I applied for my visa over a month before I needed to leave, the Italian Consulate General had only given me a first interview on August 27, less than a week before I had to leave. I received assurances that I would get my visa in time, but I was left biting my fingers as my mind's eyes nervously watched a ball dropping slowly from a building above Times Square to usher in the New Year.

I knew I was ready to leave when the time came. I had a pile of clothes, computer equipment, and American appliances, all waiting to be stuffed into two large suitcases. I had said my good-byes to friends and family and given out my contact information. When the New Year loomed larger than usual in my mind, I tried to imagine myself living on the Academy's compound in the large villa that dominates the highest point in Rome. I'd been told living in the

Editor's Note: History department professor Paul Arpaia is only the second IUP faculty member to win the Rome Prize. (Daniel Perlongo of the Music Department was a Rome Prize winner in both 1970 and 1971 in musical composition. He took leave from IUP and was resident at the American Academy in Rome from 1970 to 1972.) Arpaia will file dispatches to *IUP Magazine* throughout his year at the Academy.



Academy is a bit like dorm life—something I approached with as much trepidation as a first-year student at IUP. Fortunately, no one shares a room; but still, I'd been told by former fellows to expect communal living. So long as no one objects to my making my pot of tea at 5:00 a.m., when this farm boy still gets up, there should be no problem!

In any case, an exciting year awaits me, filled with sponsored trips to archaeological sites in Sicily and Tunisia, lots of research in Roman archives, and heaping plates of my favorite dish: pasta! In the meantime, I've set up a blog for our History majors so that they can look over my shoulder (so to speak) as I work on my book project. Of course, everyone is invited to read it if they want to see what we historians do. The address is <http://janiculum.typepad.com/weblog>. And, I've promised *IUP Magazine* that I will send more installments from the hill for the next few issues.

*Happy New Year! Or, as they say in Rome, Buon Anno!* 🍷

# IUP AWARDS

## University Professor

• Awarded for 2007-2008 to Geoscience Department chair Steven Hovan. See Mentors in this issue for more information.

## Fulbright U.S. Student Scholarship

• Awarded to Matthew Fedinick '06 to study Teaching English as a Foreign Language in South Korea

## APEX Grand Award for Electronic & Video Publications

• Presented by the Awards for Publication Excellence Program to Administration and Leadership Program professor Robert Millward and University Relations staff members William Hamilton '92 and Emily Jaros '03, M'05 for the DVD *A Leadership Walk Across Gettysburg*. Information about the DVD appeared in the Summer issue of *IUP Magazine*.

## Academic Excellence & Innovation Awards

• Presented by IUP to the following faculty members: Keith Kyler (Chemistry); R. Scott Moore (History) and Beverly Chiarulli (Anthropology); Raymond Pavloski (Psychology); and Stuart Chandler (Religious Studies)

## Accolade

• For the seventh consecutive year, IUP was selected for inclusion in a Princeton Review "Best" Guidebook, appearing in Princeton Review's *Best 366 Colleges*, 2007-2008 edition.



Courtesy of PGCC

● **DUKES LEADS A PRINCE:** Charlene Mickens Dukes '80 is congratulated by a student on her assumption of the presidency of Maryland's Prince George's Community College in July. With master's and doctoral degrees from Pitt, Dukes was dean of students at the Community College of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh before becoming vice president for Student Services at PGCC twelve years ago.



● **ON THE ROAD:** With Congress in its August recess, Pennsylvania's senior U.S. senator, Arlen Specter, undertook an ambitious schedule of town meetings across the commonwealth. Speaking in IUP's Eberly Auditorium, he acknowledged there are "a lot of tough problems in Washington. We need to tackle them during the waning days of the Bush Administration." He gave as an example illegal immigration. "I don't think Congress can let it sit," he said. President Atwater is at left.

Keith Boyer



## Designation of Codes

- AA Associate of Arts Degree
- CA Academy of Culinary Arts
- D Doctoral Degree
- M Master's Degree

### ● 1940s

**Edith Shrensky Glock '49** was honored last spring by Rudlin Torah Academy, Richmond, Virginia's Jewish community day school. According to ceremony organizers, she was recognized for dedicating her adult life to volunteerism and taking on countless leadership roles.

### ● 1960s

**Sam Scavo '61** said that February's eleventh annual IUP Naples, Fla., reunion at the Lely Resort "had the largest turnout thus far and was a tremendous success: one hundred alumni, guests, and IUP staff members attended and had a great time, thanks to our hosts, **Don Gill '62** and **Lorna Gill** and **George Glarner '56** and **Betty Glarner**." Sam provided a list of attendees: **Gene Abplanalp '56** and **Jane Logan Abplanalp '55**, **Marcia Tokar Arena '85**, **Dick Armanini '60** and **Edna Dave Armanini '58**, **Kristin Schomer Bentz '95** and **Joseph Bentz**, **Gary Bernardo '73**, **M'79** and **Nancy Egger Bernardo '74**, **M'95**, **Rachel Pfohl Bird '59**, **Ben Bruns '68** and **Peggy Pavolko Bruns '67**, **Walt Carmo '61**, **M'66** and

**Dazimae Carmo**, **Frank Cignetti '60**, **M'65** and **Marlene Cignetti**, **Bob Cleminson '59** and **Bobbie Saylor Cleminson '61**, **Dorothy Messner Come '57**, **Bill Dawson '56** and **Nancy Dawson**, **Kappy Dunn '59**, **Ron Drown '61** and **Benita Drown**, **Harold Freliche '57**, **Don Gill '62** and **Lorna Gill**, **George Glarner '56** and **Betty Glarner**, **Marcia Hern Gomulka '60**, **Ralph Gray '61** and **Kay Gray**, **Sandy Gardner Greaves '60**, **John Kennedy '67** and **Dee Smith Kennedy '67**, **Louise Bollman Kinter '62**, **Mario Lacenere '61** and **Pat Brown**, **Don Lindich '65**, **Jerry Malecki '64**, **D'74** and **Fran Lobaugh Malecki '64**, **John Marefka '56** and **Pat Lawrence**, **Jim Bunda Marelli '64**, **Ray Martin '63**, **Sue Kleon McClain '60**, **M'74**, **Dick McDowell '60**, **M'62** and **Ann Brammer McDowell '61**, **Jim and Bonnie Mill**, **Joan Zima Moss '59**, **M'61** and **James Moss**, **Marjorie Turley Nelson '61**, **Carole Peterson Orendorff '60**, **John Palya '64** and **Dottie Palya**, **Larry Panaia '65**, **M'71** and **Carole Churchill Panaia '88**, **Dick Pegnetter '66**, **M'66**, **Ron Peters '65** and **Andi Fleischer Peters '64**, **Frank Roberto '66** and **Diana Roberto**, **Ken Rometo '62** and **Mary Ann Rometo**, **Rod Ruddock '65**, **M'75** and **Ellen Sylves Ruddock '66**, **Joe Saffron '63**, **Sam Scavo '61** and **Marlene Inman Scavo '59**, **Leah Rae Deeter Schinelli '57** and **Al Schinelli**, **Angela Kellner Shearer '60**, **Mike**

**Sheleheda '65** and **Pat Gerhold Sheleheda '65**, **Shirley Shepard M'69**, **Larry Vosovic '64** and **Ann McCartney Vosovic '66**, **Annabel Fish Wilson '60** and **Philip Wilson**, and **Chuck Yellig '64**. In addition to President **Tony Atwater**, Vice President **Robert Davies**, **Kim Lyttle '72**, **M'74** and **Mary Jo Banks Lyttle '86**, **M'89**, **Karen Oleszewski Tepper '68** and **Coach Lou Tepper**, **Frank Condino**, **Wally Stapleton M'87**, and **Bonnie Juliette** represented IUP. The twelfth annual IUP reunion in Naples will be held February 29-March 3. "Keep the last weekend of February open," Sam said, "and plan to join us!" Photos from the 2007 event are at [www.iupalumni.onlinecommunity.com](http://www.iupalumni.onlinecommunity.com)

**B. J. Silvey '62** was awarded the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award recently by the National Capital Area Council in Washington, D.C. The award was made for exceptional service to youth in recognition of B.J.'s many years of work with Scouts in Reston, Va.

Pastor counselor **Erma Berenbrok Stiffler '64** recently received a diploma in Biblical Counseling from Light University in Virginia and will soon be certified in that field. She and her husband, Charles, celebrated their forty-first wedding anniversary in July and have four daughters and ten grandchildren. They have lived in Blairsville thirty-eight years.

Retired educator **Larry Saltarelli '67** is living happily with his wife, Patricia, in North Carolina. He taught more than ten years in Vermont and twenty-seven in Delaware.

Both women's cross country and women's lacrosse at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe had winning seasons this year, and both teams were coached by **Tom Harbert M'69**. He is also a member of the NCAA Coaches Committee and of the ECAC Rules Committee, as well as being director of the Nike Girls' Lacrosse Camp at Saint Vincent.

### ● 1970s

**Craig Lebo '70** has joined the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, serving as an acquisition strategist with the U.S. Army Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center at Maryland's Fort Detrick. After thirty-five years of federal service, he retired and then spent nearly two years with a Frederick, Md., IT services company before joining the foundation.

In June, 2006, **Sharon Damiani '71** retired as an educator in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. She lives in Carnegie.

Director of Dietetic Internships in the Food and Nutrition Department at UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside in Pittsburgh, **Joyce Scott-Smith '71** received the Pennsylvania Dietetic Association's Outstanding Dietetic Educator award at the associa-

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tion's annual meeting last spring.

For more than seventeen years, **Rita Peterson Komara '72** has taught art at St. Michael School in Annandale, Va. In a feature story in the *Arlington Catholic Herald*, her school principal said, "The quality of the work produced by [her]

students is amazing." The full story is available to on-line readers at [www.catholicherald.com](http://www.catholicherald.com). (Simply type Rita's last name into the search box.)

**Ralph Barone '73** has a new job as an investigator in the Economic Crimes Unit of the Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Prosecutor's Office. He investigates

predatory lending and mortgage fraud cases in a county that has the state's highest foreclosure rates.

**Deborah Brewer Beswarick '73**, **Joanne Vukmanich Slappo '73**, and **Ginny Mertz '74** conducted, in Joanne's words, "a pilgrimage to Langham Hall on April 28, 2007, to pay homage to their dorm before it was torn down the next month. All three women were roommates in Langham Hall over a three-year period (1970-72) while attending IUP." A photo of the historic visit is in *IUP Magazine's* Web Extra.

Founder and teacher of the nursery school at Bethel Park (Pa.) High School for thirty-one years, **Louann Kinol Opat '73** retired in June in an event that occasioned a feature story in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

Last May, **Dennis Cramer '75**, M'82 received a performance certificate in trombone from Purchase College of SUNY. As part of the professional development leave from the Armstrong (Pa.) School District that led to the certificate, he studied trombone with James Markey of the New York Philharmonic, conducted the Purchase Wind Ensemble on two occasions, studied composition, and composed works for the IUP Trombone Choir and Ford City High School Band, which he directs.

After working thirty years in the field of nutrition, **Connie Dillner Roberts '75** is now enjoying life at home full time and recently moved with her family to the New Hampshire countryside. She and her husband, Douglas, have five children, ranging from sons in the Navy and Marine Corps to a four-year-old daughter. They also have a granddaughter.

Oak Noggin Bed & Breakfast was established by **Betty Tomayko Graff '76** and her husband, **Dale Graff '77**, next

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to their Jefferson Hills, Pa., home seven years ago. The business, which grew from what Dale says are two "historically reconstructed" log cabins, is documented at [www.oaknoggin.com](http://www.oaknoggin.com) and has been covered by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

**Jane Boring Seggern '76** is coauthor with three other women of the third edition of the textbook *Medical Insurance: An Integrated Claims Process Approach*, published by McGraw-Hill. She is also the sole author of the book's accompanying workbook.

**Mark Bernardo '78** has won his third National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Emmy Award—this time for design and animation of the XX Winter Olympic Games on NBC. The games were held in February, 2006, in Turin, Italy. Mark lives in New York with his wife, Lisa, and son, Sebastian.

**John Franco '78**, head football coach at Tyrone (Pa.) High School, was head coach for the West team in the Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game at Altoona's Mansion Park in June. His team defeated the East, 24-14, winning the Pennsylvania Bowl for only the second time in the series' seven-game history.

IUP has yet another general in its alumni ranks. **Randall Marchi '78** was promoted to brigadier general in the Pennsylvania National Guard in June during a ceremony at Fort Indiantown Gap. In civilian life, he lives in Mechanicsburg and works in the Pennsylvania Auditor General's office.

## ● 1980s

**Donald Bierer '80** and his wife recently transferred within Bayer Health Care as part of an international delegate program

and will live in Germany for the next few years.

**Jeffrey Leventry '80, M'81** has accepted a position with Willis Re Inc. in Philadelphia as vice president and director of Training and Development. The firm is part of the Willis Group (one of the world's leading reinsurance brokers), based in London.

Director of the Market Operations and Nutrition Services Department for Adagio Health, Inc., in Pittsburgh and southwestern Pennsylvania, **Karen Virostek '80, M'87** received the Outstanding Dietitian of the Year award at the Pennsylvania Dietetic Association's annual meeting last spring. The organization has nearly 3,400 members throughout the commonwealth.

**Douglas Smith '81, M'83** received the Distinguished Alumni Award from IUP's Graduate Department of Industrial and Labor Relations last spring. A partner in the Pittsburgh office of

workplace law firm Jackson Lewis, he is a regular departmental guest lecturer and also takes part in the department's annual conference.

**Sandra Smith '81** is the first woman to be appointed chief executive officer and campus dean of the University of Wisconsin—Marathon County. She received a master's degree from Kent State and a Ph.D. from Ohio State and was associated for fifteen years with Penn State Fayette, where her last position was as interim chancellor. In her current role, she manages all tenure appointments and serves as the campus's primary spokesperson.

**Keri Caldwell Ruiz '82** has been hired as account supervisor for Phoenix's CKPR—a Cramer-Krasselt company and, she points out, one of *PRWeek's* 2007 "agencies to watch."

Both **James Strickland D'84**



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and his wife, **Kathleen Strickland D'93**, were recipients in July of Distinguished Alumni Awards from IUP's Graduate Program in Composition and TESOL. Both are professors of English at Slippery Rock. Jim has edited more than thirty books and received the 2006 Exemplary Leadership Award from the National Council of Teachers of English Conference on English Leadership.

Former IUP trustee **Tim Pulte '85** has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of Thomas Jefferson University and elected to the Board of Directors of the Police Athletic League of Philadelphia. He and his family live in Boothwyn.

Go to *IUP Magazine's* Web Extra to see a photo of a reunion of three IUP alumnae in Washington, D.C. **Barb Belich Lipinski '86**, **Susan Pasante Armstrong '87**, and **Anne Hein Egan '87** shared memories over dinner at the Ritz in Pentagon City. Lipinski, who lives in Beaver, Pa., is an account manager for Iron Mountain. Susan, a regional sales manager for Ryan Homes, lives in Fairfax, Va., not far from Vienna, the home of Anne, a divisional merchandise manager for Nordstrom.

**Lee Zoeller '86**, a partner at Reed Smith LLP, has been appointed the 2008 chair of the Income Tax Program of the Institute for Professionals in Taxation. He will also serve on the institute's Professional Designation—Income Tax Committee, which advances and monitors designations of the institute's members.

From Hamilton, Va., comes word that **Andy Hawk '87** has released his third CD, *Chasing the Sun*, available on iTunes, at [cdbaby.com](http://cdbaby.com), and at [andyhawk.com](http://andyhawk.com). The work is described as "power pop with toe-tapping energy and emotion." Andy also teaches in the Loudon County Public Schools.

## ● 1990s

**Kimberly Love '91** recently received a master's degree in Management and Technology from Carlow University. Three years ago, she was selected as one of forty-eight Community Champions by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and Comcast for her volunteer service to Western Pennsylvania.

The forty-two-year-old Butler County (Pa.) Sports Hall of Fame recently added **Mark Maier '92** to its 275-member roster, which includes former Olympians, major league baseball players, and numerous former NFL players. Mark was honored for his athletic accomplishments at Butler High School and at IUP, where he played basketball for four years.

**Paul Reeves '92**, founder and principal consultant for Phoenix Process and Performance Improvement in Arizona, has published *Exceptional Writing Made Easy*, printed on demand by AuthorHouse. According to the author, the book "takes a novel approach to teaching essential writing skills [and] quickly turns struggling writers into exceptional ones."

**Michele Corridoni McGarvey '93** lives in Indiana with her husband, Dave, and two sons: Michael, five, and Eric, two.

The recipient of a doctoral degree from Robert Morris University, **Michele Dougherty Papakie-McCoy '93** began teaching last winter in IUP's Journalism Department. She is also a twenty-year veteran of the Air National Guard reserves, has traveled all over the world (most recently as part of a Rotary International Group Study Exchange), and served for a few years as spokesperson for the Pittsburgh Police Department. Her son, Derek, is a senior in high school and a member of



Courtesy of Cathy Schmidt

● **HORSES THAT HELP:** Both Kim Eckman McCutcheon '87, left, and Cathy Schmidt '85 have founded nonprofit organizations involving horses. McCutcheon's endeavor, REACH Riding Adventures, Inc., offers character education using Pennsylvania Department of Education academic standards. Her clients for Equine Assisted Learning and Equine Assisted Psychotherapy on a farm near Homer City are youth who display at-risk behavior. Schmidt is executive director of Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding, Inc., which offers riding lessons and horse-related activities to individuals with special needs in Harford County, Md. With the women is Socks, one of three horses at Schmidt's facility. More information is on the web at [www.reachriding.org](http://www.reachriding.org) and [www.chesapeaketherapeuticriding.org](http://www.chesapeaketherapeuticriding.org).

the Air National Guard reserves.

**Kelly Schlieder '93** has left the Hershey Company for a job with Miller Brewing as a category advisor.

Both **Kathleen Strickland D'93** and her husband, **James Strickland D'84**, were recipients in July of Distinguished Alumni Awards from IUP's Graduate Program in Composition and TESOL. Both are professors of English at Slippery Rock, and both have published widely—individually and together. In 2001, Kathleen was chosen to receive the Slippery Rock President's Award for Outstanding Teaching.

In June, 2006, **James Wielgus '94** returned to Stroudsburg from a year's deployment with the Army in Iraq. Not

long thereafter, he was promoted to police sergeant in the Stroud Area Regional Police Department, with which he has been associated since graduation.

In June, Ohio State University awarded **Tammy Lorah Barette '95** a Ph.D. degree in anthropology. Also a graduate of Ohio State's law school and a member of the Ohio Bar, Tammy is assistant professor of biology and forensic sciences at Keystone College near Scranton.

Named Edinboro University's 2007 Researcher of the Year, **Kevin Courtright D'95** was principal investigator in a two-year study of the effects of state correctional facilities located in Pennsylvania's rural communities. He is an associate professor in Edinboro's Politi-

cal Science and Criminal Justice Department. More about his study appears in *IUP Magazine's* Web Extra.

Last January, **Sean Molony '95** was promoted to detective in the Easton (Pa.) Police Department, with which he has been associated since he graduated from IUP.

**Chris Croucher '97** and **Tim Sheridan '98** have formed a Charlotte, N.C., medical software company called CredoScientia. Their web-based software application will track patient information for wound care providers. Tim urges magazine readers to visit their website at [www.credoscientia.com](http://www.credoscientia.com).

Horse trainer and coach **Kristina Dulashaw-Swank '98** is owner/operator of KDS Performance Horses near Derry, Pa. She and two of the riders she coaches recently traveled to show quarter horses at a national-level horse show in

Columbus, Ohio, emerging with eight ribbons in a show so competitive that only between 10 and 15 percent of riders go home with any. More about Kristina and her enterprise appears in *IUP Magazine's* Web Extra.

Physician **Douglas Pugliese '98** recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for meritorious service after two tours of duty in the Middle East. He completed a preliminary medicine internship at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, in 2004 and then went off to serve in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps. He has served for almost three years as the medical doctor for a Marine Corps infantry battalion. A Biology major at IUP, he attended Philadelphia's Drexel University College of Medicine through the four-year Navy Health Professions Scholarship

Program. More information about him can be found on the web at *IUP Magazine's* Web Extra.

In May, **Stacy Lindner '99** received a master's degree in social work from Arizona State University.

## ● 2000s

Having received her MSN-Adult Nurse Practitioner degree from Duke, **Jacqueline Charles '00** is now a nurse practitioner in cardiology at the Medical University of South Carolina.

When **Selena Tressler '00** married Gary Masse last April in Raleigh, N.C., the bridal party included **Jennifer Kosakowski Marques '99**, **Heather Werkstein Shoup '99**, and **Kelly Lindgren Campbell '00**.

When **Eric Chverchko '01**, **M'02** and **Chrissa Schroyer Chverchko '03** were married

last year, the wedding party included **Jeff Hill '00**, **M'04**; **Keith Shick '00**; **Scott Shick '00**; **Maria Previte '04**; **Felice Boldin '03**; and **Tonya Anthony '00**, **M'03**. Chrissa was given in marriage by her father, **John Schroyer '76**.

With a master's degree in school psychology earned four years ago at Ohio State and three years as a school psychologist in Dublin, Ohio, **Julie Taylor Henzel '01** is currently in the school psychology Psy.D. program at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. **Laura Stedila '01** was in the wedding party when Julie and her husband, Kevin, were married last year.

The wedding party of **Jenna Duffy Jackson '01** in August included **Lindsay Figel Mueller '01** as a bridesmaid. Jenna and her husband, Thomas, live in Franklinville, N.J.

Orange, Va., resident **Angelina Santus '02**, **M'04** has become a

## ...A Passion for Service and a Generous Heart

M. Dorcas Clark, M.D., retired from medical practice as director of radiology at Indiana Regional Health Center in 1996, yet she is still touching the lives of many with her passion for service and her generous heart.

A graduate of West Virginia University, the University of Maryland Medical School, and the University Hospital in Baltimore, Dr. Clark knows the value of a good education—a lesson strongly instilled in her family. Among her greatest achievements is ensuring that all her children and grandchildren had access to higher education. "An education is the one thing I can give them that one no can take away," she says.

Dr. Clark has supported many programs in the Indiana community from the VNA/Hospice, the American Red Cross, Graystone Presbyterian Church, and St. Andrews Village among others. She is an untiring advocate for cancer prevention, early detection, and care—a cause so passionate for her that she agreed to have the M. Dorcas Clark Imaging Center designated in her honor. At IUP, Dr. Clark's philanthropic interests range from the arts to athletics, scholarships to library acquisitions, and the soon-to-be-built Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex.

For the past two years, Dr. Clark has taken advantage of legislation signed in August 2006 that offered a unique opportunity for individuals aged 70 or older. The Pension Protection Act enables individuals who are receiving minimum required distributions from

their Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to make gifts to charity without incurring income tax until December 31, 2007.

"I've done all my gifting through my IRA last year and this year. I took a good bit out for church, for my medical school and other universities, and for other places like IUP," Dr. Clark notes. "I think it's a good way to give a gift."

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M. Dorcas Clark, M.D.



nationally certified counselor through the National Board of Certified Counselors.

**Tessa Polenik Anodide '03** received a master's degree in systems engineering from the University of Pennsylvania in May. Both she and her husband, **Roland Anodide '02**, are software engineers with Lockheed Martin.

**Haider Mullick '04** spent last summer as a research intern at both the Hudson Institute's Center on Islam, Democracy, and the Future of the Muslim World and at the Woodrow Wilson Center's Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity. In July, he published two articles: a commentary in *Pakistan Link* on the incarceration by Iranian officials of Haleh Esfandiari, a Woodrow Wilson Institute Iranian-American scholar (who was released the following month), and "Does Pakistan Have a Role in the Middle East Peace Process?" in *The Nation* (Pakistan). In August, he accepted a prestigious research internship at the Brookings Institution, working directly under Senior Foreign Policy Studies Fellow Stephen Cohen, one of the top Pakistan/Southeast Asia experts in Washington. He will receive an M.A. degree from IUP in December.

Associated with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Harrisburg, **Lanette Erby '05** was hoping to raise at least \$3,500 through participation in the Nation's Triathlon in Washington, D.C., in late September. As part of the society's Team in Training program, she personally raised \$3,000 in another triathlon last year at Walt Disney World. In her job with the society, she coordinated raising more than \$210,000 in the last fiscal year.

In July, **Michele Petrucci D'05** was one of three recipients of a 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award from IUP's

Graduate Program in Composition and TESOL. Currently director of the university's Office of International Affairs, she serves on the International Student Exchange Program's Council of Advisors and was co-chair of the council's 2006 conference.

## Lost & Found

**All members of Alpha Phi/Beta Sigma Omicron Sorority:** A directory of sisters is being compiled in preparation for the 2008 reunion. Please send your e-mail address and mailing address to Vicky Baran Daskivich '72 at [vdaskivich@yahoo.com](mailto:vdaskivich@yahoo.com) or 103 Rodes Avenue, Gettysburg, PA 17325-3126.

**Members of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity:** After the fraternity house closed, a large frame containing the original local and national charters was taken by someone, presumably for safekeeping. Founding member Bill Neugebauer '67 would like to locate the documents, along with other missing ritual items. If anyone has information about these items, please contact Bill at either 814-942-3488 or 814-207-2605 or via e-mail at [wneug@atlanticbb.net](mailto:wneug@atlanticbb.net).

## Weddings

### ● 1960s

**Nancy Humphreys '63** to Donald Wilson, September 2, 2006.

### ● 2000s

**Vincent Defelice '00 M'02** to **Jill McMillen '03**, November 30, 2006. **Selena Tressler '00** to **Gary Masse**, April 28, 2007. **Eric Chverchko '01, M'02** to **Chrissa Schroyer '03**, June 17, 2006. **Jenna Duffy '01** to **Thomas Jackson**, August 3, 2007. **Julie Taylor '01** to **Kevin Henzel**, August 12, 2006. **Jesse Rusinski '02** to **Jessica Wolcott '02**, July 2, 2005. **Molly Anne**

**Atchison '03** to **Richard Grega**, October 4, 2003.

## Arrivals

### ● 1980s

To **Patrick Kochanowski '89** and **Cheryl Kochanowski**, a son, **Patrick Sean**, August 15, 2006.

### ● 1990s

To **Andrea Rebick Hoak '91** and **Rich Hoak**, a son, **Nicholas Jacob**, May 9, 2007. To **Staci Heigley Hyde '91** and **Davis Hyde**, a son, **Louden Joseph**, April 20, 2007. To **Kimberly Fujiwara-Lehr '92** and **Jack Lehr '92**, a son, **Lane Gunner**, June 18, 2007. To **David Lillenstein M'92, D'02** and **Jennifer Demmy Lillenstein '93, M'94, D'01**, a daughter, **Keara Emily**, May 11, 2007. To **Mark Maier '92** and **Jill Osche Maier '93**, a daughter, **Avery Hope**, August 14, 2006. To **Greg Trexler '92** and **Laura Heilig-Trexler '93**, a daughter, **Ella Grace**, June 1, 2007. To **Eric Fairbanks '94** and **Patricia Clark Fairbanks '94**, a daughter, **Rachel Elizabeth**, June 15, 2007. To **Susan Glass Fronheiser '94, M'96** and **Chris Fronheiser**, twins, **Sarah Christine** and **Michael Joseph**, March 6, 2006. To **Raymond Rakvic '95, M'96** and **Jill Charnego Rakvic '00, M'02**, a daughter, **Anna Gail**, July 17, 2007. To **Christopher Reese '96** and **Karman Creamer Reese '99, M'01**, a daughter, **Cora Faye**, July 4, 2007. To **Allison DiPerna Sciullo '96** and **David Sciullo**, a daughter, **Maura Elizabeth**, January 17, 2007. To **Dennis Lytle '97** and **Joell McDonald Lytle '99**, a son, **Devlin Bruce**, May 31, 2007. To **Cybil Huff Popovich '97** and **Christopher Popovich**, a daughter, **Channing Marie**, May 22, 2007. To **Jennifer Dodson Hunter '99** and **Jason Hunter**, a son, **Colin Bryan**, August 20, 2002, and a son, **Connor Kenneth**, January 23, 2006.

### ● 2000s

To **Vincent Defelice '00, M'02** and **Jill McMillen Defelice '03**, a son, **Alec Joseph**, June 29, 2007. To **Erica Denlinger Pavkov '01** and **Aaron Pavkov**, a son, **Ian Xander**, July 31, 2007. To **Lisa Nissley Golding '02** and **Tim Golding '02**, a daughter, **Nora Gayle**, June 30, 2007. To **Molly Anne Atchison Grega '03** and **Richard Grega**, a daughter, **Mercedes Leanne**, August 28, 2004, and a son, **Robert Wayne**, May 17, 2006. To **Jessica Bush Warman '03** and **Matthew Warman '03**, a daughter, **Esmé Alice**, July 19, 2007. To **Grechen Burger '05** and **Jason Lavery**, a son, **Miles Parker**, May 2, 2007.

## Deaths

**1930:** Ethel Sluka Groves. **1931:** Margaret Haggerty Purdie. **1932:** Rose Thompson Kirkwood, Ruth Weissenstein Knittel, Winona Wilson Sheffler. **1933:** John Wolsko. **1934:** Hazel Brewer Gibson, Thomas McCune. **1935:** Marguerite Yoos Lotz. **1936:** Gertrude Quinby Brubaker, Florence James Fay, Lester Siciliano. **1938:** Evelyn Armstrong, Eileen Minns Brown, Rose Rita McAneny Clark. **1939:** Chauncey Wherry, Helen Pezzuti Zacur.

**1940:** Anne Litteau, Gladys Snively Shontz, Howard Zacur. **1941:** Louise Dinger Trunzo. **1942:** Doris Archibald Davis, Olive Miller Holtzman. **1946:** Laura Weigle Cornell. **1947:** Aline Barilar Boose, Olga Berchin Fedore, Alice Partington Hooker, Elissa Pezzuti Keiser. **1949:** Boyd Stroup.

**1950:** Margaret Crownover, Joseph Ross. **1951:** Robert Bush. **1952:** William Medve. **1953:** Anthony Ficca, Francis Helm, Bertha Miller Thomas. **1954:** Charles Stein. **1955:** Evelyn

Miller O'Donnell. **1956:** Alma Crawford, Doris Lazere. **1957:** Jay Ness, Arlene Ranshaw Wetzel. **1958:** Richard Mellott.

**1960:** Robert Critchfield. **1961:** Norma Greene, Patricia Haught Long, Elizabeth Salada Woomer. **1962:** Dock Williams. **1963:** Alice Toman Blevins, Donald Magistrelli, James Shaw. **1964:** Marion Reed Getty, Orvis Hoffman. **1965:** Raymond Kuntz. **1966:** John Velesig. **1967:** Marjorie Craver Linden (M), Adele Lewis Milne, Evelyn McCurdy Plischke, Darrell Shick (M), Steven ("Bud") Zellman. **1968:** Richard Crawford, Andrew Jastrab, Bruce Robbins, Judith Jones Williams. **1969:** John Hickey.

**1970:** John Alexseovich, Paul Bucar (M), Joseph States, William Wess. **1972:** David Cronauer (M). **1973:** Michael Scanlon. **1974:** Marsha McCoy. **1975:** Victoria Mikelonis (D). **1976:** Tracy McGarry Ogden. **1977:** Rosemary Di Girolamo Watts. **1978:** James Taylor (M).

**1983:** Wayne Schlegel (M). **1984:** Marlene Gacka, Joel Gove, Michael Rosen. **1985:** Carol Sapp Taylor. **1986:** Joan Pekar McFaden. **1989:** Joseph Lopaze (M).

**1991:** Patrick Liska (CA). **1994:** Karen Varner (M). **1996:** Donald Doak. **1999:** Jason Schmalz.

**2003:** Renee Parkinson

## Other Deaths

**Tom Conway**, a faculty member in the Biology Department for two decades until his retirement in 1986, died June 5, 2007.

**Clyde Gelbach**, the first and longest-tenured chairman of the IUP History Department, who retired in 1985 after thirty years on the faculty, died June 28, 2007.

**James Kehew**, a faculty member in the Social Studies Department in the fifties, died August 16, 2006.

**Patrick Minich**, who had worked in Building Maintenance at IUP the last few summers, died August 10, 2007.

**Clair Stear**, an employee at IUP for sixteen years until his retirement in 1982, died June 26, 2007.

**Alvin James Stuart**, who was associated with IUP for nearly two decades, devoting his career to elementary education as a professor and as director of the University School until his retirement in 1986, died June 17, 2007.

**John Yackuboskey**, who taught history and political science at IUP from 1965 to 1981, died July 27, 2007.

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—Sandy Koepl '87

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# MENTORS



## NSF Grants

Two National Science Foundation grants totaling nearly \$700,000 were awarded to IUP faculty members in recent months. A team led by Gregory Kenning of the Physics Department received \$369,000 to purchase a Quantum Design Physical Properties Measurement System that will be used to determine and characterize properties of materials. Others on the team include Devki Talwar (Physics), Charles Lake (Chemistry), Larry Freeman (Physics), Heba Abourahma (Chemistry), and John Taylor '75 (Geology). "Measurements made on this device will provide high-quality, research-grade data for faculty and graduate students, as well as providing a rapid, easy to use, flexible educational tool for incorporation into the undergraduate laboratory curriculum in IUP's College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics," Kenning said. Beverly Chiarulli of the Anthropology Department received an NSF grant for more than \$312,000. The title of her grant is "MRI: Acquisition of Mobile Spatial Data Acquisition and Processing Technologies to Support Cross-Disciplinary Research and Student Training." More information about both grants is available on the IUP website at [www.iup.edu/news](http://www.iup.edu/news).



● Keith Kyler, foreground, works with a student

## Research Appropriations

Two bills before Congress at the time *IUP Magazine* went to press were expected to bring \$1.65 million in research funding to the university. Congressman John Murtha, chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, announced in mid-July that IUP was in line to receive \$650,000 to fund ongoing research by Keith Kyler of the Chemistry Department. Kyler's project deals with the conversion of biomass waste, such as wood chips and sawgrass, into sugar that can be used in the production of both bioethanol and biodegradable plastics. Later in July, Murtha announced that \$1 million in funding had been earmarked for research directed by Biology professor Narayanaswamy Bharathan that will develop a rapid screening and detection system of multiple bio-threat agents for the U.S. Department of Defense and other federal and state emergency responders. Bharathan is a member of the IUP Weapons of Mass Destruction project team.

## University Professor

Geoscience Department chair Steven Hovan was selected as IUP's 2007-2008 University Professor. According to Provost Cheryl Samuels, "The University Professor is an individual who exemplifies excellence in all areas of teaching, research/scholarly activities, and service. Dr. Hovan's dedication to his students, his discipline, and ultimately IUP is superbly demonstrated

in all his activities." Hovan, who will carry the title University Professor for life, receives a \$5,000 grant to support his research activities, a reduced teaching load during the 2007-2008 academic year, and a summer contract. His name will be inscribed on a plaque in Stapleton Library lobby.

## Faculty Productivity

IUP's faculty productivity has been ranked among the top ten nationally in a specialized research university category of the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index. In rankings released last summer by Academic Analytics of Stony Brook, N.Y., IUP was the only Pennsylvania institution to achieve the top ten. Other schools in that select group included Teachers College at Columbia University, Cleveland State University, and Adelphi University. The index measures the annual amount and impact of faculty scholarly work in several areas, including publications, citations of journal publications, federal research funding, and awards and honors.

## Woman of the Year

Miriam Chaiken of the Anthropology Department has been named Nutritional Anthropologist of the Year by the Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (of which she is a recent past-president).

## Inaugural Fellows

Teresa Shellenbarger and Susan Poorman, both professors of nursing in the Department of Nursing and Allied Health Professions, are inaugural fellows in the Academy of Nursing Education, formed by the National League for Nursing.

## Caber Toss

Communications Media professor Richard Lamberski took first place in the Eleventh Annual Photo Contest at the Ligonier (Pa.) Highland Games with his photo "Caber Toss." It was his fourth win in the last five competitions.

## Democracy and Global Security

A paper by Criminology Department faculty member Daniel Lee won an award at the Second Istanbul Conference on Democracy and Global Security. His research was on "Assessing Citizen Perceptions of Police Effectiveness." His fellow faculty members Dennis Giever D'95, Alida Merlo, and David Myers also attended the conference, and several IUP doctoral students presented research. 🐾



● University Professor Steven Hovan

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efore he narrowly missed winning an NCAA track and field championship; before he shattered a twenty-six-year-old conference record; even before he earned his third and fourth All-America honors, had gained a measure of recognition accorded few IUP athletes.

That's what comes from being hailed as "the world's fastest tuba player" by a notable track website.

"I just had to laugh," said Strauman, a senior 800-meter specialist who spends his fall months playing in the IUP Marching Band before turning to track in the winter and spring. "People are surprised when you tell them you're in the band, and they're even more surprised when you tell them you play the tuba. I'm obviously this little stick person—I'm 5-10 and weigh 125 pounds."

In other words, Strauman hardly fits the image most people have of tuba players. Then again, he scarcely fit the image back at South Park High School of someone who would one day show his heels to collegiate competitors. The runner who never challenged for a state high school title now vies for national championships and reigns supreme in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

Strauman has won six PSAC 800-meter titles—three indoors, three outdoors—since arriving at IUP. At South Park, in suburban Pittsburgh, he won . . . well, little of note. Strauman never finished higher than seventh at the state meet. But at IUP, he's been nothing short of spectacular. Last season, for example, Strauman placed second at the NCAA Division II meet indoors and ran a blistering 1:49.63 outdoors to eclipse a PSAC meet record set before he was even born.

"Coming out of high school, if you would have told me, 'Sean, before you're a senior in college you'll run a 1:49 800,' I probably would have just looked at you like, uh, okay," Strauman said. "I mean, I didn't break two minutes until my senior year in high school. Then I came to IUP."

Suddenly he bordered on invincible. No PSAC runner has ever beaten Strauman, and he has regularly run stride for stride with Division I foes when IUP steps up in class.

Why the dramatic transformation?

"When I came here, the coaches tore apart my body form and built me back up the way that they wanted me to run—they changed my running style, everything," Strauman explained. "I'm more dedicated now, too. I thought I was dedicated in high school—I ran maybe twenty miles a week. I try to put in forty-five, fifty miles a week now."

The benefits are as apparent as Garfield's paunch. The world's fastest tuba player claimed his fifth and sixth individual PSAC titles last season to match the school record for men set by hurdler Derek Brinkley (1998-2001). Strauman highlighted a dominant indoor campaign by "three-peating" as the conference 800 champion, earning PSAC track Athlete of the Year honors, and nearly winning a national title in Boston. Strauman clocked a conference-record time of 1:50.62 at the NCAA meet, second only to Nick Lara (1:49.73) of Colorado's Adams State.

"If I could change anything about that race, I might have started my kick fifteen, twenty meters earlier. I think I would've gotten closer to, if not maybe beaten, Nick Lara," Strauman said. "My coaches said I should have run a little bit more aggressive, pushed a little bit earlier. But I thought I ran the race as perfectly as I could for that day. I can't complain. Second in the nation, there's only one spot greater than that. I mean, that's awesome."

So was his performance outdoors two months later at the PSAC meet in Shippensburg. Strauman again won the 800, in 1:54.13, although his victory was somewhat

anticlimactic given what transpired in the preliminaries: He ran a 1:49.63 to shave forty-two hundredths of a second off the meet record, set way back in 1981 by Edinboro's Rick Killian.

"I was ecstatic," said Strauman, an accounting major who landed a spot on the 2007 United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Academic All-America team after raising his cumulative grade-point average to 3.74. "One of the officials came up to me and hugged me. I was like, what's going on? Nothing like running the hardest 800 you've run to date and all of a sudden you have this guy come up and hug you. I thought it was pretty funny."

Strauman finished fourth in the NCAA meet at Charlotte, N.C., three weeks later, giving him four career All-America honors. He hopes to earn two more before graduation, and to perhaps enter the IUP pantheon of national track and field champions.

But is he more likely to win an NCAA title indoors or outdoors?

"Indoors I think for me is better. I'm a better 800 runner indoors because, face it, it's warm and there's never going to be any wind," Strauman said. "So I think my best chance is indoors. But the way I'm running right now, why not get both? I don't want to sound cocky, but that's what you've got to be thinking—get both."

He's not tooting his own horn, mind you, but Sean Strauman truly believes he can sweep both 800s. It's a goal that drives him in every workout. The mission of the world's fastest tuba player is to trade in a title provided by a website for one provided by the NCAA: national champion. 🎺

# Name Droppers



*By Mike Hoffman*

**IUP** inducted its 2007 Athletic Hall of Fame class at a September luncheon at the Indiana Country Club. The group included two-sport stand-out **Kevin McMullan '90**, all-time leading rusher **Michael Mann '94**, and 1990 NCAA decathlon national champion **Bob Babiak '90**. That trio was joined by All-Americans **Dave Kling '69** and **Tawney Nardoza-Schmitt '94, M'96**, the late World War II-era football standout **Walter Charley '50**, and highly respected basketball assistant coach **Tony Bernardi M'68, Jack Ferguson '58**, who lettered in football and wrestling at IUP in 1957-58 and has maintained his loyalty to the university over the past five decades, was selected as this year's honorary inductee. An endowed scholarship he started in memory of his wife has provided assistance to IUP offensive linemen, the position he played in college. McMullan was an All-American as a linebacker in football and twice earned All-PSAC West accolades in baseball. He holds

the IUP career record with twenty-four home runs and is third with 417 tackles on the gridiron. Mann owns almost all the IUP career rushing records, including yards with 4,805 and touchdowns with forty-eight. Babiak scored a school-record 7,292 points in winning the national title in the decathlon, marking the second time he was on the All-America team. Kling had a dual meet record of 53-4-2 during his wrestling career and was an All-American in 1968. Nardoza-Schmitt was an All-American for her performance in the pool as well as the classroom and is still prominently featured in the IUP record book. Charley came highly recommended by none other than **Frank Cignetti '60, M'65**, who praised him as an outstanding football player and coach as well as for his integrity on and off the field. Bernardi served as an assistant under men's basketball head coaches Herm Sledzik, Carl Davis, and Tom Beck and was renowned for his ability to teach the fundamentals and principles of defense.

Speaking of assistant basketball coaches, **Courtney Rattigan '05** returned to her alma mater over the summer when she joined the staff of head coach Cindy Martin. Rattigan was a member of the IUP women's basketball team from 2000-05, playing in ninety-four games and serving as co-captain her junior and senior seasons. Previously, she helped coach Karns City High School to consecutive girls District 9 basketball titles.

Another former IUP athlete-turned-coach, **Anthony Rebyanski '06**, is pitching for the Windy City ThunderBolts of the independent Frontier League and was selected to play in July's all-star game. Rebyanski was the 2002 PSAC West Rookie of the Year and the 2005 IUP Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and is currently an assistant coach for the Crimson Hawks baseball program.

Another former IUP pitcher, **Alex Gett '07**, joined the St. Joe Blacksnakes of the American Association of Independent Professional Baseball league late

in the season and turned in three impressive performances. In sixteen innings, Gett allowed only two earned runs and struck out eighteen batters while walking just one.

**Dave Mazza** concluded his two-year IUP basketball career in March and received the NCAA Division II degree completion award to assist him in working toward his degree in business management. Mazza has a 3.84 cumulative grade point average and was chosen the IUP Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year in April.

Academic excellence is another hallmark of the IUP athletic department. During the Spring semester, 45 percent of IUP's student-athletes earned spots on the Dean's List, while 12 percent had 4.0 GPAs. One of the top academic performers was lacrosse player **Mallory Zelawski**, who was chosen as a recipient of the PSAC Top Ten award for the spring sports season. Zelawski has never received a grade below an A during her college career and is on track to graduate

**AS A RESULT OF THEIR TEAMS' SUCCESS**, five IUP coaches garnered PSAC Coach of the Year honors during the 2006-07 school year. Adel Heder (soccer), left, guided IUP to its second-straight PSAC West title and first-ever win in the NCAA tournament. Fred Joseph (golf), between Heder and President Tony Atwater, led the Crimson Hawks to an eleventh consecutive NCAA regional appearance and within three shots of a berth at nationals. In his first season at IUP, Lou Tepper (football), second from right, saw his team win eight of ten games and a share of the PSAC West title. Cindy Martin (women's basketball), right, directed the Crimson Hawks to their first PSAC tournament championship since 1988 and two NCAA tournament victories for a trip to the Sweet Sixteen. Liz Ramsey (lacrosse), not shown, steered IUP to within one win of the first PSAC playoff berth in the ten-year history of the program while winning six conference games.



summa cum laude in December with her degree in earth and space science education. She plans on attending graduate school for a master's in geology and then pursuing a doctoral degree with the goal of becoming a college professor or field geologist. Zelawski was one of six IUP lacrosse players named to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Academic Honor Roll for the 2006-07 school year. She was joined by 2006 seniors **Erin Cunnane '07**, **Jackie Rutkowski**, and **Kristin Slemmer** and juniors **Brittany Pikur** and **Lauren Abbott**. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be a junior or senior with a cumulative GPA of 3.50.

The success of the IUP women's soccer team the past several years has been recognized nationally as the Crimson Hawks were ranked fifteenth in the country in the National Soccer Coaches Association preseason poll. Five all-conference players return for the 2007 season, led by reigning PSAC West Player and Rookie of the Year

**Sarah Romasco.**

**Sean Strauman** continued his string of All-America honors in the 800 meters when he finished fourth at the NCAA outdoor track and field meet in May. Strauman is now a four-time All-American, twice each in indoor and outdoor track, and has won six PSAC titles in the event. He was joined as an outdoor All-American by **Troy Litten**, who tied for seventh in the pole vault.

For the third consecutive year, the IUP golf team boasted the PSAC Rookie of the Year when **Gavin Smith** earned the award. Smith and **Cory Stelick** were chosen to the PING All-East Region team, and **Fred Joseph** was selected the PSAC Coach of the Year for the seventh time in fifteen years, including three of

the past four.

The second time proved to be the charm for **George Hood, Jr. '80** as he broke the *Guinness Book of World Records* mark for riding a stationary bike, also known as spinning. Hood, the son of the mayor of Indiana, Pa., set the record in July, when he reached 111 hours of spinning at a sports club in a Chicago suburb. He held the record for about a month before it was broken by a Tasmanian cyclist. In his attempt, Hood raised more than \$30,000 for the Kiwanis Foundation Fund Twin Lakes Camp for special needs children and adults.

**Rich Ingold '87** was a record-setting quarterback at IUP in 1983-85 and won an Arena Football League title with the Detroit Drive in 1988. But it was his recent bout with cancer that provided him with the biggest victory of his career. Ingold, the head coach of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Pioneers of the af2, noticed a lump in his throat last New Year's, and a second opinion from his family physician confirmed cancer that resulted in the removal of one of his tonsils and a lymph node. Although the ensuing chemo and radiation treatments extended through the Pioneers' training camp and regular season, Ingold missed only two practices. His triumph over cancer must have provided inspiration for his team, which won seventeen of nineteen games heading into the August championship game versus the Tulsa Talons. With sixty career victories, Ingold is the winningest coach in af2 history.

Coaching success among IUP graduates was not limited to Ingold. Former baseball player **Dan Pschirer '02** led his Springdale High School team to the WPIAL title in just his second season with the Dynamos. Springdale had not won the WPIAL baseball title since 1954.

### **Patty Abramski Rumbaugh '80**

was named the *Washington Post District Extra* Coach of the Year for girls' tennis. Rumbaugh guided Washington International School to the Potomac Valley Athletic Conference title, finishing 13-0 and winning both the regular season and tournament championships.

Running on the IUP cross country and track and field teams and competing in marathons apparently did not provide enough of a challenge for **Adam Lint '05**. The IUP graduate student took his love of running to the next level in June when he ran in the Laurel Highlands Ultra, a grueling 70.5-mile test that only the most seasoned runners can be expected to complete. Not only did Lint cover the entire course, he did so in a winning time of twelve hours and eleven minutes, with only a ten-minute stop for a snack and a brief rest.

**Chad Ruffner '71** played at IUP from 1967-69 and then spent four seasons playing professional football, including two with the Chicago Fire of the World Football League. After that league folded in 1975, it appeared that Ruffner was finished with the sport. For more than thirty years, that was true, until the itch to get back on the field proved too much for him to resist. So at fifty-eight, Ruffner applied to play for the Western Pennsylvania Warhawks of the semipro United States Football Alliance. He saw action in each of the Warhawks' first six games and started versus Akron in July, playing the entire game at outside linebacker despite battling a sore shoulder and a hamstring injury.

Ruffner has nothing on **Leonard Fechter '66**. Fechter competed in tennis at the National Senior Olympics in Louisville, Ky., this summer, winning the silver medal in both

singles and doubles.

A pair of recent IUP football players earned berths in the American Indoor Football Association all-star game. **Trent Jones '06** and **Neal Wood**, who both played at IUP in 2002 and 2003, were chosen for the contest as members of the Johnstown Riverhawks. Jones led the AIFA with forty-eight solo tackles and had ten interceptions, while Wood had two sacks and an interception after joining the team after the start of the season.

**Dave Livengood '07** started thirty games as an offensive line-man at IUP in 2004-06, but the farthest he traveled for any of those contests was a road game versus Nebraska-Omaha. Livengood added considerably more frequent flyer miles to his résumé over the summer when he played with the U.S. team at the World Championship of American Football in Japan.

The golf world also saw two IUP products make news while competing against each other at the prestigious West Penn Open. **Dan Thompson '05** rallied over the final three holes of regulation to force a playoff with fellow IUP graduate and Athletic Hall of Fame member **Sean Knapp '84**. Thompson then won the prestigious amateur tournament on the second extra hole. Thompson played at IUP in 2004 and 2005 and was an all-conference and all-region player both seasons. He is currently an assistant pro at Indiana Country Club. Knapp, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2001, is one of the top amateur golfers in the country and was selected by the Western Pennsylvania Golf Association as its Player of the Nineties. The West Penn Open has a long and illustrious history, with past champions including the legendary Arnold Palmer in 1957. 🏌️

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